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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 30TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND 32 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

FINDING GOD AS YOUR REFUGE AND FORTRESS EQUIPS YOU TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM

91: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent." "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call me upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."



It comes as a wonderful declaration that God is well able "to teach and instruct us" concerning how to defeat schizophrenia as the Holy Spirit sheds the light of His truth on such an evil bondage. Freedom will return to the believer in Jesus Christ wherever there is a willingness and strong desire to welcome at all costs such a transforming ministry from God Himself powerful enough to break strong bars of iron and gates of brass incapacitating life itself.

Consider how much you need to experience the mightiness of the Lord Himself dwelling within you! Through getting to know Him more as you read the life-giving Scriptures and pray in faith for His help and strength, your confidence will increase concerning "the refuge and fortress" you have found. The time will dawn in your life when you know you are not on your own in this mental battle and how precious God wants to become to set you free.

Let me underline the point again that if you have fellow Christians supporting you in prayer, then your position of faith in God will be tremendously helped as He becomes more of a strong refuge wherein to hide, but also a fortress where you are becoming more equipped and prepared to move towards the time when the bondage of schizophrenia can be defeated.

A word of encouragement to those who are persisting in the fight to become free of schizophrenia to discover more and more "the refuge and fortress" available in the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that the illness/bondage is spiritually evil and as such only the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is qualified as the Son of God to deal with and defeat the powers of darkness over which Satan reigns. The benefit of knowing Jesus Christ as your refuge and fortress is that He is sufficient for

you to hide in Him when necessary but He can build you up through "teaching and instructing" you in His truth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Never lose heart as you live by faith in the Son of God and seek to move to a position of trust and strength in which He can display His power through you. When you see who you are in Jesus and consider all He has gone through in order that you might be free, you are not slow to embrace by faith His power, confident that your time of schizophrenia bondage must come to an end. Be prepared for the Holy Spirit to teach and instruct you in the way you should go. Each victory will help you some other to win, so remember that!

When the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and teaching you, the result is that He is establishing you in truth and this also directs you to have greater confidence in Him. The Scripture says that the Lord shall be thy confidence and thy exceeding great reward. In using the power of the Name of Jesus in any act of deliverance, you will learn to challenge evil spirits stating that Jesus Christ died for you and you now belong to him. Satan and his powers now have no legal right over you because he lost it when Jesus died on the Cross for you. "My life now belongs to Jesus Christ who owns it completely and you have no power over me" is a declaration that is powerfully effectual when made to the powers of darkness!

Let us meditate on the first part of our wonderful theme: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

1. PLEASE CONSIDER - HOW AMAZINGLY SUFFICIENT IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES ALL THE REFUGE YOU NEED. Looking back over so much trial and tempest covering 26 years of battling schizophrenia, I stand truly amazed at all my precious Saviour has brought me through. "His love has no limit, His grace no measure and His power knows no boundary known unto men, For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth and giveth and giveth again." Every person suffering schizophrenia ought to know and prove the reality of trusting in God, their sure and certain refuge and fortress.

There is no other person who can protect you as adequately as God Himself. Battered by demons attacking the mind and bringing a deep mental disturbance hitting the whole personality, I cannot think of a worse prison sentence to descend upon a member of God's human race. One person in every hundred in every nation are said to be affected. Trying to live a limited, joyless way of life hampered by evil voices taking up residence within is extremely hard and constantly challenging. Thoughts of wanting to be perfectly set free and return to what you once enjoyed are difficult to hold on to in the days, months and even years of coming under such strong Satanic bondage. You are grateful for a semblance of peace in your mind even though it comes through taking constant drug medication.

You may have suffered with schizophrenia for several years but have been grateful that you maintained a level of faith in your Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, while wondering if you will ever be fully free. Through all the ups and downs over the years, you have proved God and "learned to trust in Jesus and learned to trust in God." You know beyond any doubt that on many occasions you have "rested under the shadow of the Almighty." Satan may have harassed and thwarted you but you came through all those trials because your life belongs to Jesus Christ. You are His, bought through the precious blood of God's Son on the Cross at Calvary more than 2,000 years ago. His love for you will always remain. God has put His seal on your life signifying that you belong to Him. Satan has been defeated. God will keep you safe during life and is committed to do much, much more than we are capable of realising.

2. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW TREMENDOUSLY STRONG IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES ALL THE REFUGE YOU NEED. Satan seeks to interrupt our lives and wants to cause such devastation. His aim is to destroy us. But our God is well able to defeat all his work and restore, renew, reinvigorate and re-establish us in His wonderful image. You may be aware even right now of how the Lord has been working in your life and restoring your freedom in Him. Through the

Holy Spirit living within you, it is pretty apparent that something wonderful is now taking place in your life. He is drawing close to you and imparting to you a deeper intimacy with Himself and at the same time is enlarging your freedom. We received an email this week from a regular reader of the Weekly Encourager who said: "I greatly enjoy the Weekly Encourager. The LORD recently broke demonic chains in my soul, making me feel a whole lot lighter and free of delusional thinking. Freedom is thus worth the wait to obtain, and I think this ministry makes that clear. God bless!"

Knowing the strength of the LORD in your life is such a wonderful delight and joy. For nearly 30 years, I have been enjoying real fellowship with the Lord Jesus after the defeat of 26 years of bondage. All striving is over. As the bible says, "There is a rest to the people of God." I trust that you too may know the victory of Christ in your life overpowering every spirit that holds you in bondage. It was for freedom that Christ died to set us free and He has the power to make that happen in our individual lives no matter how messed up they have been. All praise to Jesus for loving us and keeping us in His love. He can do for us far more than we can ask or think. Reach out in faith and prove Him today.

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2019 10 March – How To Pray Effectively For The Protection And Freeing Of The Mind

2018 21 January – Boldly Pleading The Blood Of Jesus Christ Hastens Your Schizophrenia

2017 8 October – Jesus Our Chief Intercessor by Guest Writer Apostle Aloysius Kiiza

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I GAINED A FULLER APPRECIATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD WHEN JESUS CHRIST RESCUED ME A SECOND TIME!

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 28: Selected verses – The Resurrection 1-10: *After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples; 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Great Commission verses 16-20: *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Have you ever been swept off your feet in wonderful amazement at the magnitude of the love of God shown to you over such a long period of your life? This wonderful blessing is gripping my life right now spanning over 64 years as I have contemplated the mighty acts of God starting way back

in 1956 when the Lord Jesus Christ became my personal Saviour through accepting His forgiveness of sin. That FIRST RESCUE by Him was the best day of my life as I responded to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Add to that life-changing encounter an amazing SECOND RESCUE from the depths of hell of 26 years of schizophrenia – occurring 30 years ago on the 2nd May this year – and you have an impressive testimony of the unfailing faithfulness of God who has indeed promised “I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.

You may be having doubts about how powerful is the love of God and ask if the Lord Jesus Christ can indeed hold on to you no matter how distressed in mind and battered in life you may become! I stress with all the emphasis I can muster that His victorious love is MORE THAN you will EVER NEED.

For more than a third of a lifetime the power of God held me in his hand as I struggled to understand the onslaught that disrupted my mind and life.

There were deep waters to pass through and rivers of grief too devastating to describe, but now approaching 30 years of restored freedom by my Lord Jesus Christ, I can say he was with me in it all.

In this message, I want to emphasise as much as I can the worthwhileness of surrendering your whole life to the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He is the only God! There is no other! If your life is in a mess, lacking direction and purpose and deep down within your spirit you cry out to know the peace that passes all human understanding, then why not turn to Christ. You have so much to obtain in discovering and knowing JESUS, starting with receiving His wonderful free gift of eternal life.

A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: “Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light and power of your conquering Holy Spirit’s presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

See below in the pictures **BEFORE AND AFTER** deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



AFTER DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me. Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord." *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of JESUS CHRIST.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things... You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. Isaiah 25: 1&4

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this "monster" of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-tried and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, he paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as "The Resurrection and the Life". He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting his sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite him into your life right now? It's a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!



"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals